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SUB: UNESCO 18TH GC: ARAB SANCTIONS RESOLUTION ON JERUSALEM
EXCAVATIONS

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1. EMBOFF CALLED NOVEMBER 4 ON ACTING DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS DIVISION, GHANA FONMINISTRY. EMBOFF'S PRESENTATION ON ARAB UNESCO RESOLUTION STRESSED IMPORTANCE TO UNESCO AS INSTITUTION OF U.S. DOMESTIC REACTION TO EXTREME RESOLUTIONS. GHANAIAAN OFFICIAL IN REPLY REFERRED TO GHANA'S POLICY OF SOLIDARITY WITH ARABS AND THIRD WORLD, BUT STATED THAT GHANA CONSIDERED ITSELF A " MODERATE" AMONG THIRD WORLD NATIONS, AND THAT GOG'S INSTRUCTIONS TO UNESCO DELEGATION WERE IN GENERAL TOPURSU E MODERATE LINE ON CONTENTIOUS ISSUES. IN THAT CASE, EMBOFF SUGGESTED, WE UNDERSTOOD THAT MODERATE ARABS (NONE SPECIFIED) MIGHT BE OPEN TO GHANAIAAN COUNSELS OF MODERATION AND U.S. WOULD APPRECIATE GHANADEL URGING ARAB FRIENDS TO SOFTEN RESOLUTION BY ELIMINATING SANCTIONS.

2. FONMINISTRY OFFICIAL AGREED TO REVIEW INSTRUCTIONS TO UNESCO DELEGATION, AND IF MORE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS ISSUE REQUIRED, TO URGE GHANADEL AT PARIS TO ASSIST IN SEARCH FOR COMPROMISE SOLUTION TO PROBLEM PRESENTED BY ARAB RESOLUTION.
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WE SUSPECT FONMINISTRY NOT FOLLOWING THIS MATTER IN FULL DETAIL

AND WILL CONTENT ITSELF WITH EXHORTATION TO GHANADEL PARIS TO
PURSUE "MODERATION" BUT NOT TO GET OUT IN FRONT ON THIS. BELIEVE
IF RESOLUTION COMES TO VOTE AS IS, BEST WE CAN EXPECT IS
GHANAIAAN ABSTENTION WITH STRONG POSSIBILITY PRO-ARAB VOTE IF
IT OBVIOUS OTHER AFRICANS ARE RESPONDING TO ARABS' SOLIDARITY
PLEA.
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